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A 1965 Special Teal Hunting Permit, provided by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and issued free on proper application to State game and fish departments, will be required by all hunters participating in the special season. Teal hunters also must have a valid State hunting license and, if 16 or older, a 1965 Duck Stamp.

Duplicate copies of the free permit will be sent the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to tally the number of hunters interested in the early season and also to provide addresses for conducting a duck wing survey and a hunter questionnaire survey. The age, sex, and species of ducks killed during the special season will be determined from wings collected by hunters and the questionnaires will indicate hunter interest, participation, and success.

One of the important questions to be answered by the research project is how well Mississippi and Central Flyway duck hunters distinguish between teal and other ducks. To assist hunters with waterfowl identification, a waterfowl identification guide, "Ducks at a Distance," is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 25 cents per copy.

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